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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 07781.0013-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Stefan HACK et al.) Group Art Unit: 3623
Application No.: 09/609,714) Examiner: Sterrett, Jonathan G.
Filed: June 30, 2000)
For: VALUE CHAIN OPTIMIZATION) Confirmation No.: 2503
SYSTEM AND METHOD)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of December 5, 2005. The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	66	-	65	1	x \$ 50	\$ 50.00
Indep.	10	-	9	1	x \$200	200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s)					+\$360	0.0
					Subtotal	\$ 250.00
					Reduction by ½ if small entity	- 0.0
					TOTAL	\$ 250.00

A fee of \$250.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.

A check for \$250.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 6, 2006

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Mail Stop Amendment

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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action mailed December 5, 2005, the period for response which extends through March 6, 2006 (March 5th being a Sunday), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment section of this paper.

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